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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF HALKIDIKI LAND SALE TO VARDINOIANNIS

REF: A. THESSALONIKI A-86 B. THESSALONIKI 0778

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF DECEMBER 30 REPORT
ARRIVAL HERE PREVIOUS DAY OF DIRECTOR OF MIN AG
RESETTLEMENT OFFICE ANTONIADIS, WHO APPOINTED
DECEMBER 24 TO HEAD MIN AG COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING
SITHONIA LAND SALE TO VARDINOYIANNIS GROUP.
ANTONIADIS VISITED VILLAGES IN AFFECTED AREA
AND WILL BE JOINED HERE BY FULL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2 TO CARRY OUT COMPLETE INVESTIGATION
OF CONTROVERSIAL SALE, INCLUDING REVIEW
OF ALL LOCAL LAND TITLES. COMMITTEE PLANNING TO STAY
IN THESSALONIKI "FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME" TO
"PERMANENTLY SOLVE" QUESTION OF HALKIDIKI
PROPERTIES OWNED BY MT. ATHOS MONASTERIES.

2. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION APPARENTLY
DESIGNED TO QUELL PUBLIC CLAMOR OVER VARDINO-
YIANNIS PURCHASE (REF A). CONGEN UNDERSTANDS
THAT, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF COMMITTEE, LOCAL
VILLAGES REFUSED ADMITTANCE TO OFFICIALS
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ATTEMPTING TO SURVEY AREA. IN RELATED ACTION

DECEMBER 26, GOVERNMENT RECLASSIFIED HALKIDIKI
AS "BORDER AREA", THUS PROHIBITING FURTHER
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY THERE BY FOREIGNERS. ORDER
APPARENTLY INTENDED TO BLOCK PROPOSED SALE OF
ADDITIONAL TRACTS BY ATHOS MONASTERIES TO FRENCH
AND LICHTENSTEIN LAND DEVELOPERS.
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